

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 June 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

The item started at 14.16

Questions 1–7 and 9 were asked. Question 8 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

### 3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted



#### 4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.23

James Evans made a statement on – Welsh Food and Farming Week (17–21 June).

#### 5 Motion under Standing Order 26.91 seeking the Senedd's agreement to introduce a Member Bill – British Sign Language (BSL) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.25

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM8599 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.91:

Agrees that Mark Isherwood MS may introduce a Bill to give effect to the information included in the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) published on 31 May 2024 under Standing order 26.91A.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	3	16	43

The motion was agreed.

#### 6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Women's healthcare – Postponed

This item has been postponed

#### 7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Chepstow bypass

The item started at 16.05

**Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8618** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the benefits of bypasses in supporting local economies and easing congestion.
2. Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to provide funding to Monmouthshire County Council to develop plans for a Chepstow bypass.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government, Monmouthshire County Council and Gloucestershire County Council to deliver a Chepstow bypass.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	31	44

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the issues with congestion in Chepstow.
2. Recognises the need for an integrated, attractive and sustainable transport network which supports growth in the area.

3. Supports the Welsh Government's approach of working in partnership with Transport for Wales, Monmouthshire County Council and Gloucestershire County Council to consider options to improve the road network, public transport provision and active travel provision to improve travel in Chepstow.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	23	45

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

**Amendment 2** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Believes that infrastructural developments should be undertaken in full consultation with communities and in line with communities' stated needs.

Calls on the Welsh Government to work to deliver new infrastructure to ease congestion in line with these principles, including in delivering a third Menai crossing, and bypasses in Llandeilo and Chepstow.

Calls on the next UK Government to deliver a fair funding settlement for Wales, and the £4 billion in consequential owed to Wales from HS2, to provide the funding needed to improve transport infrastructure and road infrastructure in Wales to ease congestion.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	35	44

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

## 8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Nuclear

The item started at 16.28

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8617** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Celebrates the role nuclear power plays in creating well-paid and high-skilled jobs, whilst delivering cheaper, cleaner and more secure energy, working towards net-zero targets.
2. Welcomes the UK Government's continued commitment to the UK's trident deterrent.
3. Further welcomes the UK Government's commitment to deliver a new gigawatt power plant at Wylfa in North Wales and work with industry to deliver existing projects at Hinkley Point and Sizewell.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to expand nuclear power in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	32	45

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the role that nuclear power plays alongside renewables in the Welsh Government's plans for a green and fair transition to a low-carbon economy, ensuring all new power generated in Wales is zero emission.
2. Calls on the incoming UK Government to work in partnership with the Welsh Government to fully explore all options for a new station at Wylfa and future opportunities for Trawsfynydd, recognising the critical importance of collaboration in relation to relevant devolved powers.
3. Welcomes the proactive role of the Welsh Government, working with the UK Government, industry and partners, to support nuclear power in Wales in order to maximise the socio-economic benefits for Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	22	45

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the role that nuclear power plays alongside renewables in the Welsh Government's plans for a green and fair transition to a low-carbon economy, ensuring all new power generated in Wales is zero emission.
2. Calls on the incoming UK Government to work in partnership with the Welsh Government to fully explore all options for a new station at Wylfa and future

opportunities for Trawsfynydd, recognising the critical importance of collaboration in relation to relevant devolved powers.

3. Welcomes the proactive role of the Welsh Government, working with the UK Government, industry and partners, to support nuclear power in Wales in order to maximise the socio-economic benefits for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	21	1	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 16.59

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.04

**NDM8590** [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Allied Steel and Wire workers and pension justice.

The meeting concluded at 17.25

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 June 2024**